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4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, [further including:

receiving user input at least partially determinative of the predetermined time.] wherein outputting the recording reminder signal comprises outputting a message to a network communications device associated with at least one user of the computerized system.

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5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein outputting the reminder signal [includes outputting a user-perceptible signal.] comprises outputting a message concerning the scheduled recording to a pager.

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8. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein scheduling the data recording includes communicating a recording instruction to the computerized system, and wherein the method further comprises calculating and storing the recording reminder time based on at least the user input and at least a portion of the recording instruction before outputting the reminder signal [includes storing reminder data based on the recording instruction in a database].

10. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein outputting a reminder signal at the predetermined time before the time of the data recording includes:

[determining a remind time based on the predetermined time and the time of the data recording; and]

comparing a system time to the recording reminder [remind] time.

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11. (Amended) A computerized entertainment system comprising:

a receiver for receiving [a] one or more channel [signal which carries] signals, each carrying one or more [a plurality of] programs;

a recording device, coupled to the receiver, for recording one of the programs; [and] means for receiving user input at least partially determinative of a recording reminder time; and

an output device for outputting a reminder signal at the recording reminder time before the recording device begins recording the one program.

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12. (Amended) The computerized entertainment system of claim 11, wherein the output device includes [a reminder database for storing a remind time that determines when the reminder signal is output.] means for outputting the recording reminder signal as a message to a network communications device associated with at least one user of the computerized system.

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~~17. (Amended) A computer comprising reminder-generation software, the reminder-generation software comprising instructions for:  
[scheduling a read-write data storage device to record data at a future time; and]  
receiving user input at least partially determinative of a recording reminder time for a scheduled data recording; and  
outputting a reminder signal at [a predetermined time before the future time] the recording reminder time.~~

20. (Amended) The computer of claim [18]17, wherein the reminder-generation software instructions [for outputting a reminder signal] include instructions for including a message concerning recording media as part of the reminder signal.

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~~21. (Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising instructions for:  
scheduling a read-write data storage device to record data [at a future time]; and  
receiving user input at least partially determinative of a recording reminder time; and  
outputting a recording reminder signal at [a predetermined time before the future time]  
the recording reminder time.~~

[Please add the following new claims:]

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24. (New) A method of operating a computerized system having a recording device for recording data ~~during~~ two or more scheduled recordings, the method comprising:  
receiving two or more user remind-time inputs, with each user input associated with at least one of the scheduled recordings and with at least two of the user remind-time inputs differing from each other, and